

Local Health Officer Meeting Agenda October, 2007
Waterville, Ellsworth, Bangor, Caribou, Wells, Rockland, Portland, Auburn

Meeting Objectives

- *Participants will have a better understanding of the
 - *history of Public Health and LHO systems in Maine;*
 - *current statutory duties and authorities; and*
 - *current issues under discussion – new requirements for LHOs and possible revisions to statute.**
- *Participants will have an opportunity to provide feedback on the role of LHOs in the public health system, the new requirements for LHOs, and possible revisions to LHO statute.*

HALF HOUR PRESENTATION

Introductions

History of Public Health/LHO System in Maine

Emerging Public Health System in Maine

How LHO System fits in

LD 1812, LD 676

Review Summary of LHO Statutes – Duties, Authorities, Oversight

ONE HOUR FEEDBACK SESSIONS

Feedback Sessions

- What should the LHO System look like?
- What statutory changes should be made?
- How should the Local Health Officer requirements from LD 676 be implemented?

Review Feedback Forms:

Handouts:

Questionnaire – LHO Mandates, EPHS/LHO Roles, Statute Changes, Mtg Eval

History of Maine Public Health

Overview of Current Public Health Infrastructure in Maine

LHO Statute Summary

Map of Districts

Detailed Agenda for LHO Meeting

Meeting Introduction and Goals:

- Everyone is introduced
- Goals/Objectives:
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 - history of LHO system,
 - current statutory duties and authorities,
 - current issues under discussion – new requirements for LHOs and possible revisions to statute.
 - Participants will have an opportunity to provide feedback on the role of LHOs in the public health system, the new requirements for LHOs, and possible revisions to LHO statute.

History of Public Health (PH) in Maine

- PH is delegated to states except for international travel
- Pre-1919: Local Boards of Health/LHOs with independent authority ->
- Post-1919: LHOs supervised by state public health agency
- Several Current/Recent Trends, Events, Factors: ** 2005: State contracting for services in sprinkled fashion -> Trend was increasing #s of contracts (550) for a large # functions with patchwork quilt; -> SHP 2005 PHWG then formed to develop efficient and effective statewide ph infrastructure, using 10 EPHS as framework

Emerging PH System:

- Local: HMPs/CCHCs, MHDs in Bangor/Ptland – (with contractual relationships with Maine CDC); LHOs (still supervised by Maine CDC)
- Regional: Maine CDC/DHHS District Offices – where and who and what
- State: Maine CDC/OSA in DHHS
- LHOs revitalization:
 - Surveys summer 2006 – responded to surveys by adding LHO website off www.mainepublichealth.gov website; email database;
 - Meeting 11/06 helped to frame some of the issues
 - *** LD 676 adds requirements for LHOs and for report back on any statutory changes proposed

Why We're Here

- To review statutes to discuss possible changes – can give feedback at any time, incl after this meeting
- To review requirements for LHOs – to give input for rules
- To provide answers to common questions
- Will count as a training

Review Statutory Summary

Review document and provide feedback either now verbally, in writing, or later

- Feedback from 11/06 Meeting:
 - Review authorities and duties – compile them in one place
 - Reduce redundancies or unnecessary statutes
 - Eliminate archaic statutes
 - Review with CEO statutes
- Review LD 676 changes to statute, including requirement
- Review list of duties – refer to Title 22 relevant sections (since underlined/italicized)
- Review list of authorities – refer as needed to sections of statutes
- Review list of passive authorities

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Feedback Forms Reminder and Adjournment